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CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Docket No.	Anticipated Classification of this Application: Class Subclass		Prior Application: Examiner: Art Unit:
8CL-7197A (Div. of 8CL-7197)	558		J. Murray 1626

TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

This is a request for filing a continuation X divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/457,320 filed on December 8, 1999, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF DIARYL CARBONATES by the following inventor(s): Philip R. de Bruin, James S. Law, Vincentius Antonius Vriens.

1. **COPY OF APPLICATION**

X The copy of the papers of prior application as filed which are attached are as follows:

X 11 pages of specification
X 5 pages of claims
X 1 pages of abstract
 2 sheets of drawing

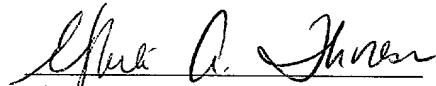
(Also complete 4 below if drawings are to be transferred)

X 4 pages of declaration and power of attorney
X in accordance with the indication required by 37 CFR 1.53(b) my records reflect that the original signed declaration showing applicant's signature was filed on 3/17/2000.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231, on this 2 day of April, 2001.

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Elizabeth A. Thoresen

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration and power of attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application, and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

the amendment referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application and I hereby state, in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.53(b), that this amendment did not introduce new matter therein.

2. AMENDMENTS

Cancel in this application original claims 1 - 12 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

3. FEE CALCULATION

Basic Filing Fee						\$ 710
Claims	# Filed		# Extra	Rate		
Total	4	-	20	= 0	X \$ 18	= \$ 0
Independent	1	-	3	= 0	X \$ 80	= \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims						X \$260 = \$ 0
TOTAL FILING FEE:						\$ 710

4. DRAWINGS

Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and, subject to item 10 below, abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

Transfer the following sheets of drawing from the prior application to this application 2.

New drawings are enclosed: formal informal

5. PRIORITY - 35 U.S.C. 119

- Priority of application serial no. _____ filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- The certified copy has been filed in prior application serial no. _____ filed on _____.

6. RELATE BACK - 35 U.S.C. 120

- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 - This is a continuation of application serial no. filed on ._____, which is incorporated herein by reference.
 - This is a divisional of co-pending pending prior application Serial No. 09/457,320 filed on December 8, 1999 which is incorporated herein by reference.

7. ASSIGNMENT

- The prior application is assigned of record to General Electric Co.
- Assignment recorded in PTO on 03/20/2000, Reel 10683, Frame 0713.
- An Assignment of the invention to General Electric Co. is attached.

8. FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following amounts, or to credit overpayment, to **Deposit Account Number 07-0862**.

- The "Total Filing Fee" from the chart in item 3.
- Any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

9. POWER OF ATTORNEY

- The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Frank A. Smith, Reg. No. 39,375

- The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- A new power has been executed and is attached.
- Address all future communications to:

Frank A. Smith
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10. MAINTENANCE OF COPENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION

- A petition, fee and response have been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until ____.
- Please abandon the prior application when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application.
- A petition, fee and response have been filed to revive the unintentionally abandoned prior application.
- Please abandon the prior application when the petition for revival in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

11. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN PARENT APPLICATION

— A conditional Petition for Extension of Time is being filed in the pending parent application.

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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